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a walking tour of the northeast section

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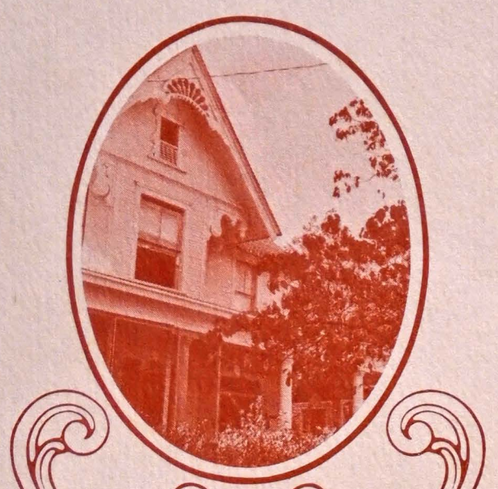
Historic Gainesville, Inc., a public foundation, is pleased to present this self-guided walking tour in celebration of the Alachua County Sesquicentennial celebration. This guide initiates a series of tours which, when completed, will direct people to the very fine architectural heritage remaining within the county.

The conservation of our heritage is important. The buildings you will pass by and the streets through which you will wander are the values and dreams of those who have worked to create this city. In these times of mobile population, declining resources, and confusion of values, the late 19th and early 20th century environment reminds us of our most stable and cherished traditions, traditions which form the foundation for our future. Because the lower northeast neighborhood, along with several other sections in the community, is a link to the past, it exists as the corporate memory for the community. And a city which does not conserve its past is exactly like a person without a memory. Thus, we hope you will not experience this tour as a return to the past but, rather, as a walk through a vital component part of the urban present.

Conserving the past requires planning and dedication now. The HGI Research Committee is responsible for the information contained in this tour. Mrs. Mark Barrow, the committee Chairman, deserves praise. The facts developed will soon be part of a comprehensive conservation program for Gainesville. George Sales is the designer, Paula Tarrant is the cartographer and Joni Bellamy is the typographer.



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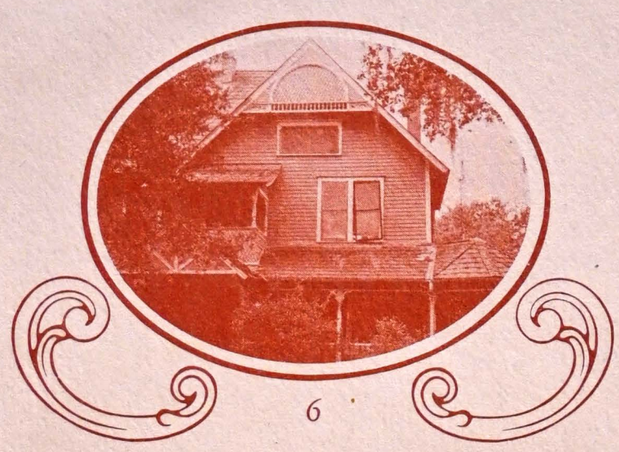
DELL HOUSE
112 Northeast First Street

Built before 1887, this structure was the home of the James B. Dell family and was recently donated to Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. Presently, it is being rehabilitated and is used as a "Home Away" for teenage boys.



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BODIFORD HOUSE
216 Northeast Third Street

Built in 1897 by a prominent Gainesville Druggist, James Strange Bodiford, this house echos the plan of the Richard House directly to the east. Three generations of Bodifords lived and died in this house. A surviving daughter, May Bodiford Sheppard, remembers watching the lamplighter perform his nightly ritual from the gazabo-like porch.

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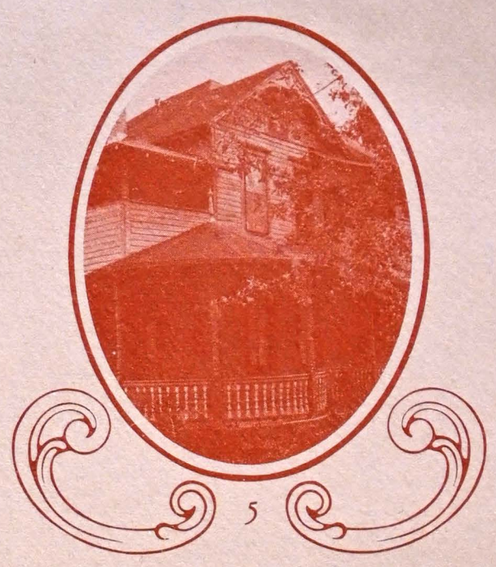
MURPHREE HOUSE
306 Northeast Fifth Avenue

This imposing building with it's Ionic columns and leaded glass windows typified Greek revival style architecture. Albert A. Murphree, University of Florida President between 1909 and 1927, lived here until his death. Many college men were entertained in this house as well as Dr. Murphree's good friend, William Jennings Bryant.



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RICHARDS HOUSE
215 Northeast Third Street

This house, which was built in 1895, was purchased by Benjamen Richards in 1897 and remained in the Richards family until the early 1970's. Commonly refered to as the "Spool House" because of the extensive turned wood decoration, the carved and turned ballustrade, the elaborate entrance. The braces between the porch columns should be noted.

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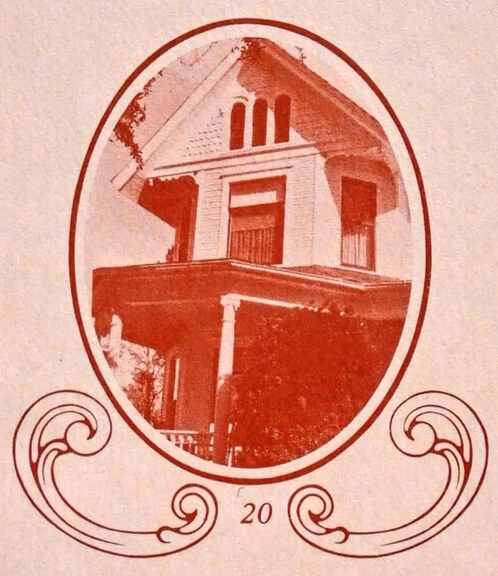
DENHAM HOUSE
405 Northeast Fourth Avenue

According to an 1898 issue of the Gainesville Sun, this house built by Captain W.B. Denham was "one of the most costly and elegant houses in the state". You should note the carriage step in front of this house as well as the Gracy House across the street.



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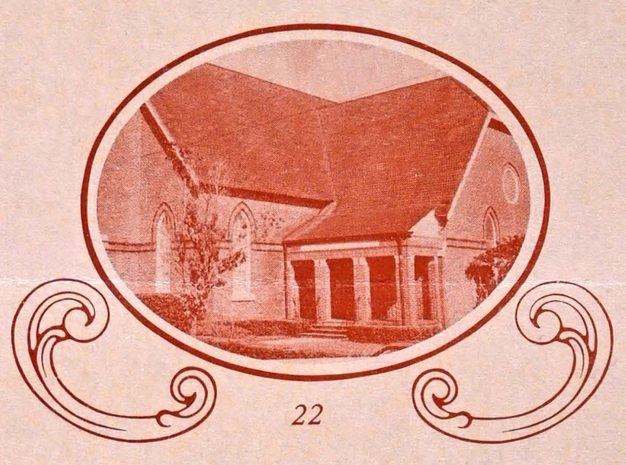
MORRISON HOUSE
529 Northeast First Street

This immaculate early 20th century house has long been the residence of the Morrison family. Note the small lap siding and the interesting round first story window.



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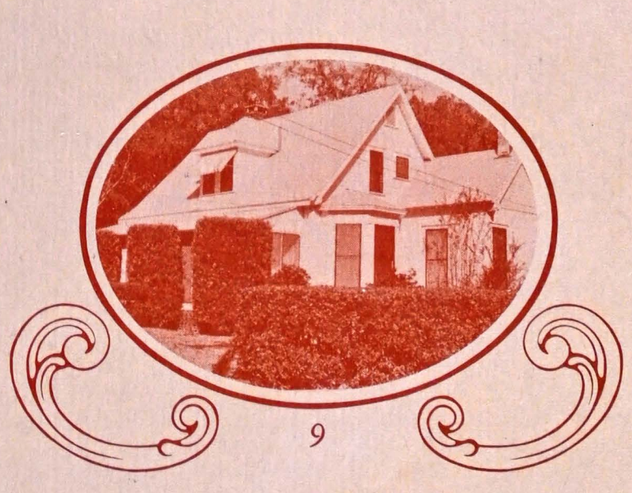
FELLOWSHIP HALL
419 Northeast First Street

The cornerstone for Fellowship Hall, the second house of worship built by the Methodist, was laid in 1886. It was first called the Kavanaugh Memorial Church and, later, the first Methodist Church. Services were performed in the building until 1942.



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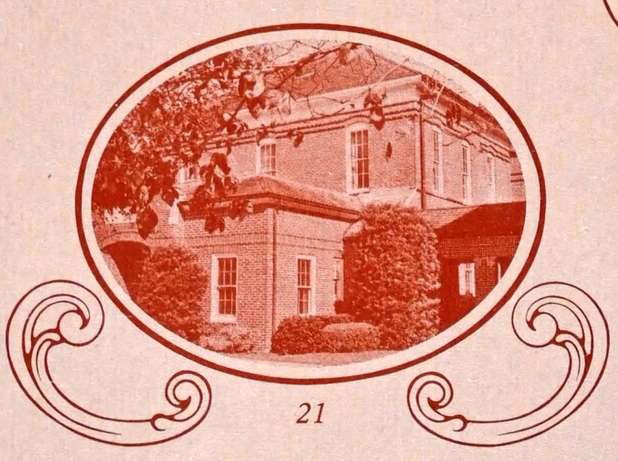
W.W. HAMPTON, JR. HOUSE
425 Northeast Third Street

Probably the oldest house in the neighborhood, this residence was moved to its present location opposite the old East Florida Seminary Parade Grounds at the turn of this century. Note the fine board and batten siding.



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EPWORTH HALL
419 Northeast First Street

Epworth Hall, erected in 1883, housed the East Florida Seminary, which was later merged into the University of Florida, before becoming part of the First Methodist Church in 1911. The building is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. It was one of the first brick buildings in Gainesville, second only to the local jail.

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BLANDING HOUSE
306 Northeast Third Street

This typical victorian house was built in 1899 and was for many years owned by General Albert H. Blanding. One of only two Floridians to achieve the rank of General, General Blanding gained the additional distinction of being the only living man after whom a military installation was named, Camp Blanding. The Congress of the United States confirmed his appointment by President Franklin D. Roosevelt as Chief of the National Guard Bureau in 1936. After retirement, General Blanding served as a member of the Everglades National Park Commission and was instrumental in the successful project to create the Everglades National Park.

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THE [illegible]OTEL
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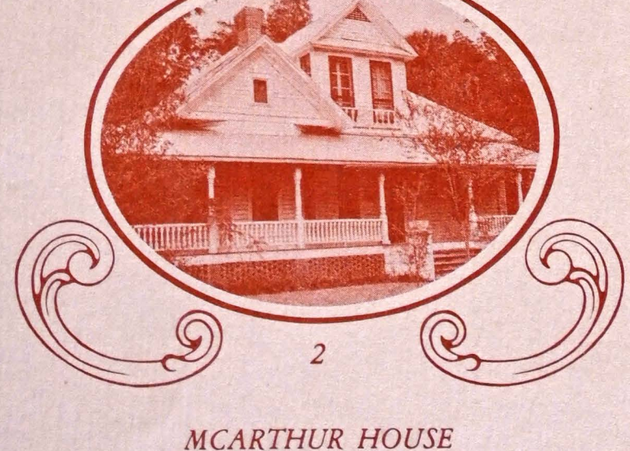

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MCARTHUR HOUSE
404 Northeast Second Avenue

The long steep slope of the roof and deep overhang protecting the porch demonstrates a practical design solution for building in Florida. The unmatched gable ends at the front of the house develops a distinctive quality.

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316 Northeast Third Avenue
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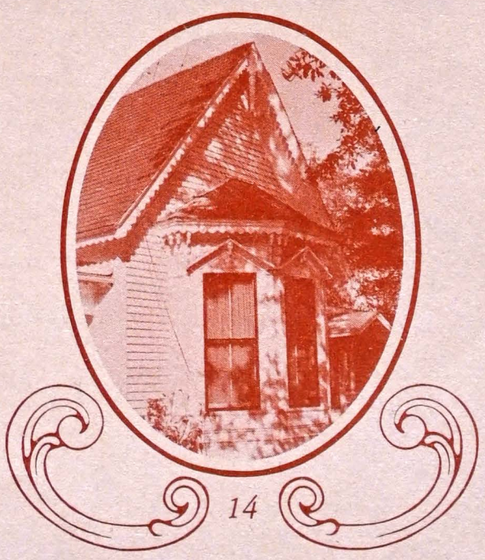
Chiefly interesting because they are a rare example of mirror image houses built circa 1905.



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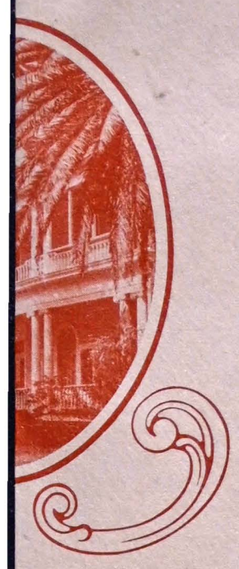
EATON HOUSE
414 Northeast Fourth Avenue

The steeply gabled roof and ornamental trim on this late 19th century house makes this house one of Gainesville's finest examples of cottage architecture. The craftsmanship exhibited in the construction and decoration of the bay window is notable.



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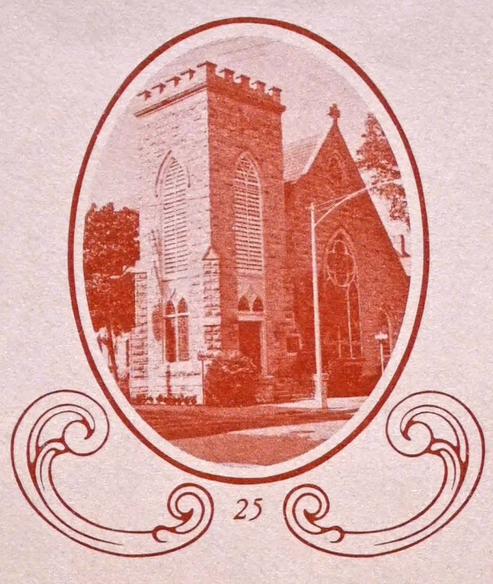
HODGE HOUSE
116 Northeast First Street

This late 19th century victorian was purchased and completely rebuilt by Dr. J. H. Hodge, who was a local physician and long time resident of Gainesville, in 1901. Dr. Hodge's additions, the elaborate turret and porches, created one of Gainesville's most distinctive structures. The home now serves as the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church Parrish House.



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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH
110 Northeast First Street

This church, built of limestone masonry in the gothic revival style, was completed in 1907. The stained glass windows are notable examples of religious symbolism, especially the "Trinity Window" in the east facade. A hurricane in the 1950's damaged some of the windows, but the women of the church worked to pay for their faithful restoration.

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H.L. PHIFER HOUSE
420 Northeast Fifth Street

The Wagon Wheel motif, the sunburst design located in the gables, and wooden spools decorating this cottage produces one of the most elaborate examples of turned wood working to be found in Gainesville. This was the home of H.L. Phifer, a life long resident of Alachua County, who set up an early private bank in Gainesville and established Phifer Brothers Department Store, which later became Wilsons Department Store.

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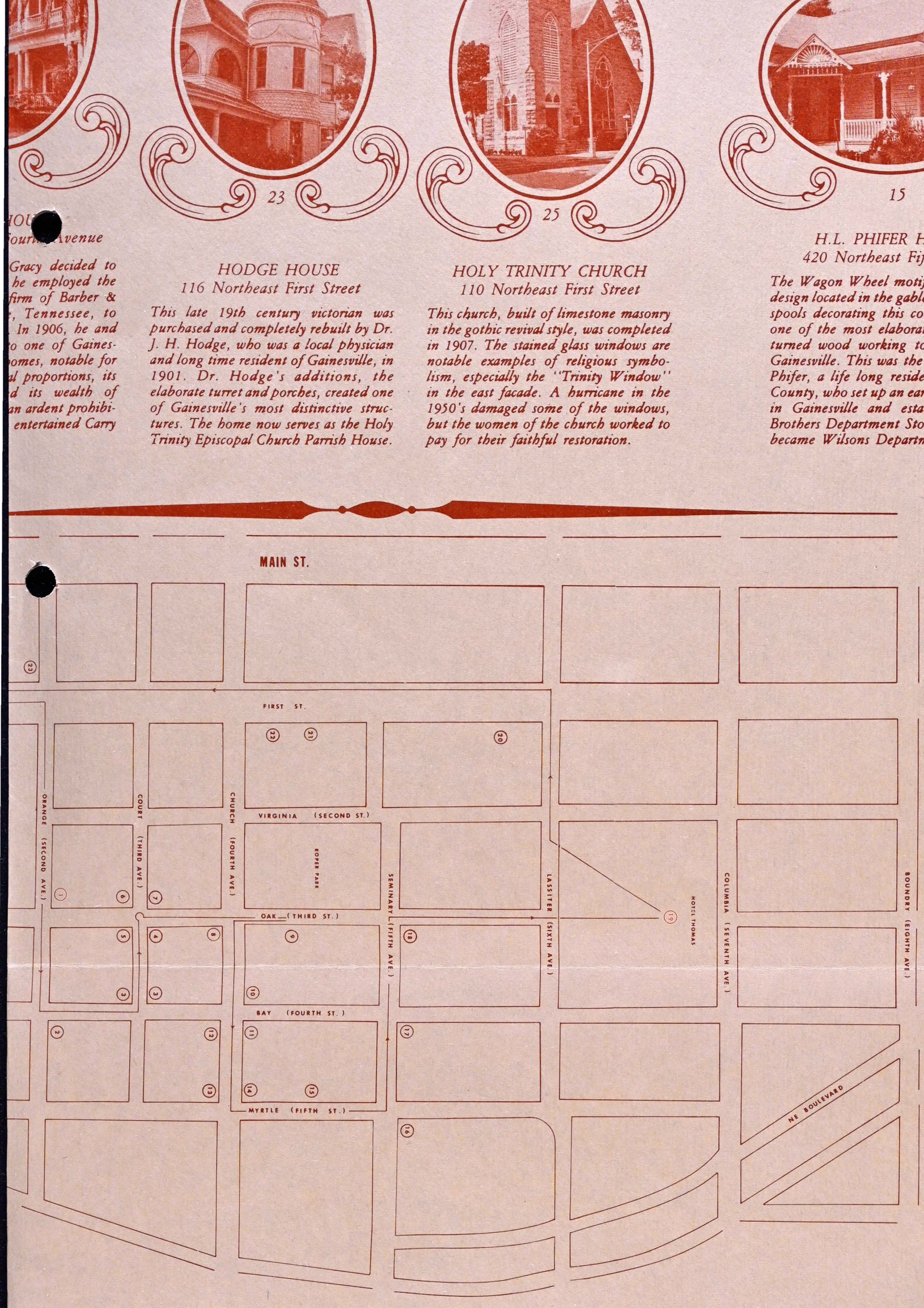
JORDAN HOUSE
307 Northeast Third Street

Beneath the unsympathetic additions is a fine late 19th century Greek revival house which was owned by Birkett Jordan. Jordan was the brother to Mrs. Hampton on his right and Mrs. Richards on his left.



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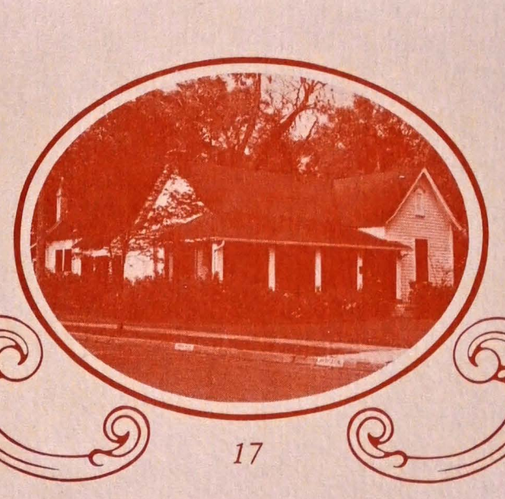
KLEIN GRAHAM HOUSE
417 Northeast Fourth Avenue

City Fire Chief A.J. McArthur built this house in the 1890's, but it became one of Gainesville's unique structures when Klein Graham, the first business manager at the University of Florida and long time owner of the property, added the casstellation during the 1920's. The house, at present, is under going restoration.



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BOWMAN HOUSE
406 Northeast Fifth Avenue

One of the earliest structures in the area, this house dates from the early 1880's. It typifies the sturdy, simple cottage style common in Gainesville at this period.

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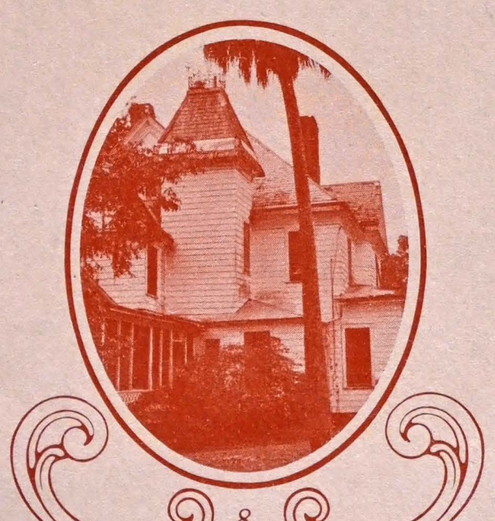

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HAMPTON HOUSE
321 Northeast Third Street

Louis A. Barnes, the Register of the only United States Land Office in Florida which was located in Gainesville, built this house close to 1890. Barnes was noted for improving the area because he lined the street with trees and paved the right of way. The house was sold to the William Wade Hampton family in 1896. Hampton was a prominent Florida Attorney and handled the transfer of the property upon which the University of Florida is situated. The wrought iron topped tower in the rear of the building, the original slate shingles, and the six buttressed chimneys are notable.

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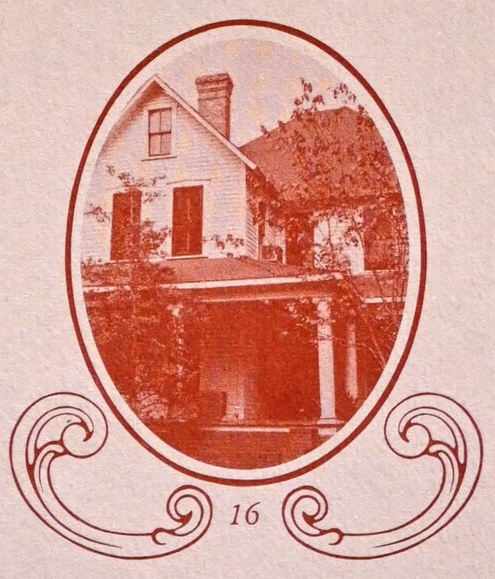
NEWELL HOUSE
404 Northeast Fourth Avenue

From a modest beginning in 1887, this house grew with each successive owner. It is named for longtime owner, Dr. Wilmon Newell, world renown scientist who created the successful program to eradicate the Mediterranean Fruit Fly in the United States.



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W.B. PHIFER HOUSE
506 Northeast Fifth Avenue

W.B. Phifer, one of Gainesville's most prominent business men and civic leader, built this house in 1904. The porch columns are solid cypress.

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MCCOLLUM - PALMER HOUSE
206 Northeast Third Street

This house with its intricate silhouette is the home of "Aunt" Carrie McCollum Palmer. The house was built by her husband, James W. McCollum, a Gainesville druggist and civic leader, shortly after the turn of the century.

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